

Frequently Asked Questions

Question	Answer
What are you looking for?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Munitions and Explosives of Concern (MEC) • Unexploded Ordnance (UXO) • Discarded Military Munitions • Explosive Munitions Constituents (MC)
What was Port Angeles Combat Range used for?	<p>The former Combat Range, located about seven miles southeast of Port Angeles, consists of about 1620 acres. The land, leased by the Army in early 1943, was use as a training firing range. No buildings or improvements other than temporary spotting towers were constructed. Troops camped at the Port Angeles Fair Grounds Conservation Corps Camp traveled to and from the range for training. In the spring of 1944 the range, no longer needed by the Army, was declared excess and returned to private ownership.</p>
Why is the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers involved?	<p>The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is responsible for Department of Defense environmental programs on former lands. In the late 1980s the “Formerly Used Defense Site” program was the initiated. The Corps has conducted several activities actions leading to the current project.</p>
What prompted the current Site Investigation?	<p>In 2002 (National Defense Authorization Act), Congress required the Department of Defense to create an inventory of defense sites known or suspected of containing munitions or munitions constituents.</p> <p>DoD will prioritize the nationwide sites needing action and provide Congress with a response plan. All the Site Inspections need to be completed by the year 2010.</p>
How many sites are you inspecting?	<p>Currently there are six sites in Oregon: former Cold Springs Precision Bombing Range near Hermiston, former Boardman Practice Bombing Range near Boardman, Former Central Oregon Gunnery Range near Lakeview, former Northwest Maneuver Area and Camp Abbot near Bend, and</p>

	<p>former Camp Adair near Corvallis.</p> <p>Also there are four sites in Washington: former Fort Flagler and Fort Townsend near Port Townsend, former Port Angeles Combat Range, near Port Angeles; and Former Fort Columbia, near Ilwaco. <i>Others</i> sites may be identified in the future. Nationwide, DoD has identified over 3,300 sites with the following breakdown.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Active installations (1,333) Base • Realignment and Closure (BRAC) (318) • Formerly Used Defense Sites (FUDS) (1,658)
What is the goal of the Site Inspections?	To determine if munitions or munitions constituents are present.
What are the possible outcomes after completion of the SI?	Possible Outcomes of an SI are the elimination of a site from further action or identify the need for further investigation.
What if there is a need for further investigation?	<p>If there is a need to investigate further work may include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Remedial Investigation (RI) • Feasibility Study (FS) • Determine need for a time-critical removal action
How will the SI information be used if further work is needed?	SI provides information needed for EPA's Hazard Ranking System for National Priorities List (Superfund) sites. DoD will use the information for a new Munitions Response Site Prioritization Protocol.
What all is involved in the Site Inspection process?	The process begins with a review of available data, what we already know. Next a Technical Project Planning (TPP) is developed followed by a work plan, actual field work and finally a final report summarizing all activities.
What is the Technical Project Plan?	The TPP is developed by meeting with stakeholders (regulators, property owners, local businesses, etc) and identifying their issues

	<p>concerns. Identifying Areas of Concern (AOCs) at the former camp, reviewing site information, verifying current and future land use. The TPP will develop a Conceptual Site Model, Identify Data Gaps and Data Objectives. Finally all parties will concur on a field work approach.</p>
<p>What types of munitions were used at Port Angeles Combat Range?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Small Arms • 37 MM projectiles • 60mm Mortar • 75 MM projectiles • 81mm Mortar • Rifle Grenade • Practice Mines • Practiced Rockets
<p>What other activities were there at Port Angeles Combat Range?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Munitions demolition
<p>What other work has been done on the former Port Angeles Combat Range?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1996 Archive Search Report
<p>Have munitions been found in the area?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 37 MM projectiles
<p>What will the Corps be inspecting?</p>	<p>The Corps' contractor will be taking samples of soil, surface water and sediment, and groundwater.</p>
<p>Will the Site Inspection involve heavy equipment?</p>	<p>The SI will be non-intrusive type of reconnaissance. The process will be visual and with the use of Magnetometers. The SI will be done by trained Unexploded Ordinance Experts. Their goal will be to avoid UXO, select samples and evaluate munitions.</p>
<p>Where will they get their samples from?</p>	<p>The will be getting samples from shallow soils, surface water/sediment and groundwater (existing wells).</p>